

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/621,162	BAXTER ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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1. This communication is responsive to the response of 6/1/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,6 and 9.
3. The drawings filed on 16 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Robert Lambrechts on 6/21/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

the previous claim listing should be replaced with the following:

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for adjusting the dimensions of extruded thermoplastic component, said apparatus comprising:

a member mounted on a fixture, the member configured for receiving the thermoplastic component exiting the fixture wherein the member is further comprised of an outer member with a first and second leg, and an inner member, the inner and outer members including an upper surface and a shaping means opposed the upper surface for adjusting the dimensions of the component exiting the fixture, the shaping means comprising a finger outwardly extending from the inner and outer members wherein the finger of the inner and outer members includes an elliptical crown for contact with the thermoplastic component, the inner member being slidably disposed between the first leg and second leg of the outer member;

means for selectively modifying the configuration of the member from a first position to a second position so that as the thermoplastic component is received by the member a dimension of the thermoplastic component is modified.

2.-3. (cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 2 1, wherein the inner member includes an overhanging plate detachably secured to an upper surface of the inner member.

5. (cancelled)

6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the means for selectively modifying the configuration of the member comprises a screw in threaded engagement with the overhanging plate and in proximate contact with a substantially horizontal surface of either outer member so that upon rotation of the screw the inner member is slidably urged from the first position to the second position.

7.-8. (cancelled)

9. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the member is attached to the fixture with dowel pins.

10-18 (cancelled)

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Joseph S. Del Sole whose telephone number is (571) 272-1130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, Mr. Duane Smith can be reached at (571) 272-1166. The official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for both non-after finals and for after finals.

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